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 Applicant(s): Emery W. Dilling  
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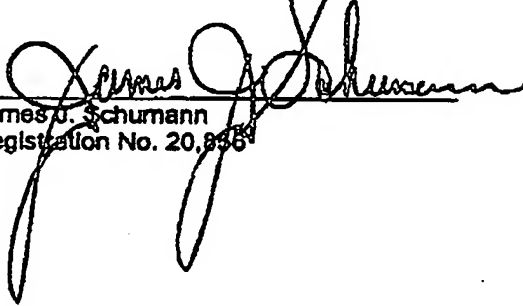
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